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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAFFIC WITH PUERTO RICO

1. DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE OF PUERTO RICO SANTIAGO ORTIZ THAT IN RECENT SPEECH GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON COMMITTED HIMSELF TO COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN COMBATTING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC MOVING THROUGH PUERTO RICO. HE APPARENTLY MENTIONED SPECIFIC DESIRE TO WORK WITH COLOMBIA IN THIS REGARD, AND HE HAS IN MIND COOPERATION BETWEEN COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES AND PUERTO RICO POLICE. ORTIZ SAID THAT PUERTO RICANS HAVE BEEN QUIETLY URGING COLOMBIA TO HAVE HIGH OFFICIAL (NOT NECESSARILY THE PRESIDENT) WELCOME PUBLICLY THIS PUERTO RICAN INITIATIVE.

2. DEPT OFFICER RESPONDED THAT USG IS WORKING WITH
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COLOMBIAN AND OTHER GOVTS TO COMBAT SUCH TRAFFIC. THIS INVOLVES STATE DEPT AND DEA, THE LATTER OF WHICH HAS AN

OFFICE IN SAN JUAN. WE HAVE ASKED DEA TO PUT ITS SAN JUAN OFFICE IN CONTACT WITH ORTIZ TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS AND TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT OF TRAFFIC MOVING FROM COLOMBIA TO PUERTO RICO.

3. ORTIZ HAS BEEN GIVEN NAME OF EMBASSY BOGOTA NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SHURTLEFF IN CASE HE DESIRES FURTHER INFORMATION, AND WE HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING PUERTO RICAN INITIATIVE WITH GOC DEPENDING ON WHAT DEVELOPS IN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES, STATE AND DEA. KISSINGER

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